PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all that America is and will be, derives from the ideas, ideals, and deeds of its men and women who have dared to pioneer new paths; and

WHEREAS, we who live in the Upper Missouri River Valley are twice blessed with a heritage from pioneers who surged westward on a tide of flat-boats and covered wagons until here on our Republic's Middle Border, they met and mingled with kindred who had trailed eastward from the mines of the Rocky Mountains and the ranches of the old Spanish Southwest; and

WHEREAS, to this land of the Middle Border have come people of all lands seeking the boon of freedom and the opportunity to attain a better life; and

WHEREAS, the democratic ideals of self-reliance and self-development are enshrined in the granite of our mountains and in the hearts of our people, it therefore becomes appropriate that the citizens of South Dakota should take the lead among those who dwell on the Middle Border in recognition of the great truth that "what is past is prologue."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARCHIE GUBBRUD, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim and establish the day of April 30, 1964, as

PIONEER DAY

for the

FRIENDS OF THE MIDDLE BORDER

and request my fellow citizens to unite with the society of "Friends of the Middle Border" in giving special honor to our early settlers and pioneers through public meetings and family gatherings, as well as to review the achievements of such illustrious personalities as the Verendrye Brothers, Captains Lewis and Clark, Jedediah Strong Smith, Father Pierre DeSmet, Struck-by-the-Ree, George Catlin, Henry Weston Smith, Hamlin Garland, O. E. Rolvaag, Gutzon Borglum, James Earle Fraser, Harvey Dunn, and the thousands of our early pioneers and settlers who through exploration, self-sacrificing devotion, and contributions to the settlement and building of this great area, and to our social and cultural patterns, have enriched our lives and will inspire present and future generations to further advances in that finest of all arts, dwelling together in good will and peace.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 25th day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four.

Archie Gubbrud

ARCHIE GUBBRUD, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Essie Wiedeman

ESSIE WIEDEMAN, SECRETARY OF STATE

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